

## Stephen T. Pelkey



**CAREER SUMMARY:** President and CEO of Atlas Advanced Pyrotechnics, Atlas PyroVision Productions and Atlas Fireworks Factory ♦ Oversees the design of over 800 performances annually through east and mid-Atlantic coast, 6 retail fireworks operations and managing over 700 trained and certified pyrotechnicians for indoor/outdoor pyrotechnic displays ♦ Instrumental in the authoring of the current NH-RSA 160B and NH-RSA 160C pertaining to the sale of fireworks both professional and consumer ♦ Participated in the organizational foundation for the AFSL for Display Program and is regarded for a high degree of professional work ethic, personnel management and organizational skills, superior oral/written communication skills, and ability to work closely and effectively with numerous State and Federal agencies including State Fire Marshals, State Police, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, OSHA, US and State DOT, National Fire Protection Association and the Consumer Product Safety Commission ♦ Served 2 terms as NH State Representative of Cheshire County representing Dublin, Jaffrey and Rindge – member of the House Commerce Committee, Banking and Insurance Committee.

### EDUCATION:

- **Associates Degree in Munitions Systems Management**  
Community College of the Air Force (1981 – 1986)

### CERTIFICATIONS:

- **Licensed Master Pyrotechnician (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI and Canada)**
- **FAA Private Pilot – Single Engine Land**

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

#### **ATLAS ADVANCED PYROTECHNICS, INC.**

**02/90 – Present**

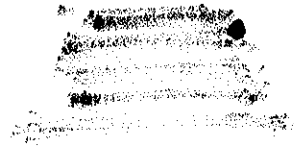
Atlas is a leader in pyrotechnic performance and design of professional and consumer fireworks. With over 700 trained and licensed technicians, Atlas remains a respected industry leader with state of the art computer firing systems throughout the United States and Internationally. Since 1990, Atlas has produced over 13,000 display programs and trained in excess of over 2700 technicians. Atlas is one of the pioneers of computerized firing, portable firing systems and has created an extensive training program to increase safety. Atlas travels annually to China and Spain and throughout the U.S. to design, display, purchase and ensure the quality assurance program guidelines of the Atlas Experience.

#### ***President of Atlas Advanced Pyrotechnics, Inc.***

Established formalized recruitment plan for Atlas pyrotechnicians; created a marketing plan for computerized firing; coordinated a comprehensive website for display and retail sales; developed a training and certification program for Hazard Communication and Hazard Assessment Program; Applied current skills and programs to effectively increase sales by 1300 percent while maintaining an 82% management retention rate; established a branding and marketing system with social media and web technology between current and future customers.

#### ***Selected Accomplishments have included:***

- 1994 to 2003 – served on the NH Permissible Fireworks Review Committee
- 1994 North American Fireworks Competition Champions
- 1995 Benson & Hedges International Fireworks Competition - Montreal
- 1997 - 2002 Washington DC Fourth of July Fireworks
- 1999 Decasville, France International Fireworks Competition
- 2000 Washington DC – Rededication of the Washington Monument
- 2000 Boston's Fourth of July and Millennium Celebrations – B2K
- 2000 Boston's B2K Battle of the Barges
- 2002 Le Mondial International Fireworks Competition – Montréal
- 2004 and 2006 Saint Fermin Festival (Running of the Bulls) – PAMPLONA, Spain



- 2006 and 2008 Shanghai Spring Fireworks Festival
- 2012 Gold Jupiter Award – Montreal International Fireworks Competition
- 2012 Elected to the Board of Directors – American Pyrotechnics Association
- 2013 Shanghai Spring Fireworks Festival
- 2014 Philippines International Pyromusical Competition

#### **ATLAS DISPLAY FIREWORKS - JAFFREY, NH**

**03/86 – 02/90**

Atlas Display Fireworks (ADF) – A professional fireworks display and manufacturing company serving the New England States and manufacturing outdoor fireworks for many companies throughout the United States. ADF had 9 full-time and 180 technicians to produce just over 150 programs annually.

#### **General Manager**

Developed sales and marketing materials to foster growth in the manufacturing and sales of professional display fireworks. Established recruiting policies/procedures/strategies for pyrotechnicians to enable the organization to achieve its respective staffing goals and sales objectives.

#### **Selected accomplishments have included:**

- Establishment of formalized Recruiting Policies and Procedures focused on "Quality vs. Quantity Search Methodology."
- Developed a purchasing system for manufacturing which contributed to organizational profitability.
- Development and implementation of a formal interview-training program for hiring pyrotechnicians.
- Introduced electronic firing training program for master level pyrotechnicians.

#### **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

**09/81 – 03/86**

After graduating from Conant High School in Jaffrey, NH, attended post secondary school (Franklin Pierce College) before entering the USAF as an enlisted serviceman. Trained as a Munitions Systems Specialist and received an associate degree from the Community College of the Air Force. Served in South Carolina – Shaw Air Force Base and Okinawa, Japan at Kadena Air Base. Achieved the rank of E-4 prior to an Honorable Discharge.

#### **Special Accomplishments**

- Member and Current Board of the American Pyrotechnics Association
- Served on the NH Permissible Fireworks Review Board
- Member of the National Fire Protection Association
- Served as President, Vice President and Board - Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce
- Served on the Executive Board of the Cheshire County YMCA
- Served on the Finance Board of St. Patrick Church
- Serve on the St. Patrick School Board
- Serve as President of the St. Patrick School Alumni Association
- Served as Trustee of Franklin Pierce College – 8 years
- Served as Treasurer of the Jaffrey Civic Center Board of Directors
- 2002 Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year
- Served 2 terms as NH State Representative serving the towns of Dublin, Jaffrey and Rindge

